### CHINA'S EXHIBIT AT PARIS EXPOSITION.

one of the Most Interesting Features in the Group of Nations-Section of the Celestial Empire.

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Paris, July 25.—When a French orator wants to apply the biggest words in his wants to apply the universal exposition

TRANS-SIBERIAN RAILROAD.

tyles it a "festival of peace, uniting tyles it a "festiv Instance of this is visible of the stairway leading cadero into the exhibition mediately on the left is turreted castle, the imperior of which runs about 200 at thoroughfare, and whose des stretch twice as far din a forest of detached most picturesque effect, need to try and figure out



CHINESE WAX GROUP OF THE DOWAGER EMPRESS AND HER

days from Pekin, and one nt of most cablegrams is hostility that exists be-Chinese and the Russians.

for has scarcely reached the features of the great show, and vie in interior decoration is sumptuous in the

lity of the edifice from the and women familiar to our eyes since and women familiar to our eyes since childhood, carved in stained woods, in letters of a strange alphage general architecture of the acture tells plainly as words a Russian, yet in the wide vesuous see a sight that makes you are inference. Seated there are included branches of the trees, leading irresistibly to the thought. hereful.

An Chinese in their flowing leading irresistibly to the thought, "This is the land of the picturesque, the veritable Flowery Kingdom."

Chinamen at Home in Paris.

Siting on the porches before houses or shortling houses or shortling attendants who stand guard in the buildings in close juxtaposition with their wax countrymen are daily bing territory, and the same tive the impression that the fixed man from the squalid, dirty sights that affront his view fing general than to voraclous particular. The man from who comes down those Toops and tumbles upon six stiffing placidly happy in the settling placidly happy in the source of the land of flowers.

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attractiveness with the countless novelties exhibited by the white races. Other countries were able to send to Paris products of their latest manufactures in every conceivable line of in-dustry and invention, but in those re-spects China was handlcapped, for the China of today has nothing new to show, nothing that she could not have exhibited just as well one, two or even ten centuries again

ten centuries ago.

While other nations, Japan among them, forwarded to the universal exhibition samples of their most recent developments in the way of army and naval equipments and construction armeent etc. the govern struction, armament, etc., the government of the dowager empress had nothing of that kind to show, or at ment of the dowager empress had nothing of that kind to show, or at least nothing that it cared to let the world know about. Measured strictly from an up-to-date standpoint therefore, the Chinese exhibit was overweighed from the Start. This fact, however, only emphasizes the intelligent care and ability manifested by its designers in making it what it unquestionably is, one of the most interesting and attractive features of the great fair.

Frenchman Its Head.

At the head of the Chinese section is M. Charles Vopereau, a Frenchman, who has spent thirty years of his life in the Celestial empire. Few foreigners know that great country so well as be, and, when appointed commissioner general of China, he set about his work, with energy, zeal and knowledge. He

eral of China, he set about his work with energy, zeal and knowledge. He selected the best models of architecture for the various buildings he proposed to construct, conscientiously deter-mined to make them represent China to the life.

embracing objects de vertu in metal, wood and precious stuffs. Exquisite paintings representing Chinese land-scapes, some of which are the handiwork of the greatest artists whom China has ever produced, are shown. It would require volumes to give even.

Such a thing as a house to house cap-It would require volumes to give even an imperfect description of many of the superb pieces, but one may imagine their character and priceless value from the lesser collections one sees in the great museums throughout the

An interesting feature of the official exhibit is the wax figures, standing, in the most lifelike positions, here and there about the building. In general appearance, in facial traits, in the shapes of moustaches and beards, in the various fashions of wearing the queue and, particuarly, in the tumes, these interesting mannikins illustrate the many social grades in China, and the infinite provincial races of which the vast empire is com

To the average visitor it is by no means an easy thing to distinguish a living Chinese from one of these imitation men. In complexion and in the passivity of his expression, the living Chinaman whom you may see standing about often looks more like a wax figure than the wax figures themselves. About the only way to tell them apart is the label that is hung from the front of the inanimate men. It reads in French: "Please do not touch."

If you see a silk-robed Chinaman without this sign, you may assume he is alive. All visitors, however, do not know this rule, and consequently the extreme, and the silver dragon, em-

ostensibly going into detail after the usual census fashion. But the inconsistencies, incongruities and general hap-hazard manner characterizing these emanations stamped them upon o the life.

The section assigned to China suited the Durpose admirably, for it emducing himself to father. He views an The section assigned to China suited the purpose admirably, for it embraced a bit of rolling ground that was deemed fairly characteristic of a Chinese landscape, at the same time containing many flowering trees and shrubs that fitted to perfection the architecture of the buildings and the arrangement of the gardens.

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The various structures are grouped about in a fashion that in no wise suggests the idea of being overcrowded for space. Four of these buildings are exclusively devoted to the exhibits of the Chinese government. Six others are used to illustrate various phases of the commercial, industrial and social life of the empire.

preciation of his peccentric those above him. The contemplation of a division of what may come to him never enters his head. Besides, it is not at all necessary, as he, of himself, knows all that should be known relative to his balliwick. To acknowledge he did not, by calling upon others to assist him in ascertaining, would be to confess a falling short of the standard, and thereby breed no end of trouble for In the official building are shown superb collections of Chinese art works,

Such a thing as a house to house canvass, and an enumeration, however meager in actual detail, has never been known throughout China. To attempt it would straightway cause trouble, every Chinaman thinking it a new scheme to extort money and conducting himself accordingly.

Some outside authorities estimate the population of the empire as high as 450,000,000—others as low, as 800,000,000. Between these totals may, of may not be fairly correct. Journeying by the Yang Ste, through what has been well vass, and an enumeration, however

Yang Ste, through what has been well termed the Mississippi valley of China, making side trips up and down its numaking side trips up and down its numerous tributaries; later taking in the southern Cantonese districts, and subsequently those north from Hankow to Tien-Tsin, the traveler would regard the higher estimate as not excessive. But after the trio of tremendous stretches from Pekin—the one due west to Kashgar, the second northwest over the caravan route to Klakhta, and the third straight north to the confluence of the Shelka with the Amoor, the latter precaution is not always taken leaves the double duty of constituting the skel-double duty of constit

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the east and Hunan in middle china, all exceed 20,000,000 population.

Packed Like Sardines.

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their money developing the Rand. But up the conflict indefinitely.

Who Fear Neither Famine Nor Plaque.

Uncounted Millions of Yellow Men

total of our population west of the Allegheny mountains.

Canton and Swatow are in Kwang-Tung, and the province is renowned for its silk products. The province of Pechili, in which are both Pekin and Tien Tsin, has an area of 60,000 square miles—equal, say, to that of New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts—and a population of 20,000,000, or three times that of the states named.

Sze-Chuen, in the west, is the largest province in the empire, having an area of 170,000 square miles—exceeding that of New England and the Middle States—and a population of 70,000,000, or equal -and a population of 70,000,000, or equal to that of our entire country. It, like Kwang-Tung, is noted for the character and extent of silk produced. Hoo-Pih, in central China, is another big province, with 70,000 square miles and

province, with 70,000 square miles and 35,000,000 population. Hankow is its great city. Shantung in the northeast, with fifty odd thousand square miles, has a population of 36,000,000, while Keang-Su and Keang-Si, in the south, Fukien in the southeast, Nyan-Wei in the east and Hunan in middle china all added—have a gross population of 100,-000,000, or an average of 500 to the square mile The states named have a population of 20,000,000, or 100 to the square mile

Cholera Every Summer.

A hundred people to the square mile—which would be the average for the entire empire on a basis of 400,000,000—the way the Chinese pack in, would not be at all out of reason, for sardines in a box could never be more tritely employed as a similar than in allow Cholera, the genuine Asiatic article, is a regular summer visitation in China; is in fact more or less a visitant ten of the twelve months, while smallemployed as a simile than in illus-trating the manner in which the Ce-lestials domicile themselves. pox is present all the year 'round. Little real attention is paid to either. When in Shanghai, where, in July Bunks, atop the oven-like arrange-ment which serves as the only heat-ing apparatus of the house, is the and August, the thermometer climbs over the 100-above-mark and stays there through the twenty-four hours, commonest sort or rule with them, and is by no means confined to structures over which there are roofs of boards of the Chinese were dying by the hundreds daily. The mortality as reported was, to the stranger, simply appalling. But the European residents took it as

the merest matter of course. Going right on with their "pegs"— whisky and soda—doing business with the same nonchalance as if the dreaded matting. Blackened and rotted by the elements, this overhead covering is tied or in the crudest way attached to the bamboo frame work, which does the bamboo frame work, which does the double duty of constituting the skeller having just as good a time as if their having just as good a time as if their having just as good a time as if their having just as good a time as if their having just as good a time as if their having just as good a time as if their having just as good a time as if their having just as good a time as if their having just as good a time as if their having just as good a time as if their having just as good a time as if the dreaded and rotted by the same nonchalance as if the dreaded and rotted by the same nonchalance as if the dreaded and rotted by the same nonchalance as if the dreaded and rotted by the same nonchalance as if the dreaded and rotted by the same nonchalance as if the dreaded and rotted by the same nonchalance as if the same nonchalance as if the dreaded and rotted by the same nonchalance as if th

insurance on life was of the glit-edge order. And it was from their stand-point—experience.

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"But," I asked, "will you not have to resort to the same measures in case

earth can maintain a war so cheaply "What has been the cost thus far?

advisers, replied: "About £4,000,000."

ernment would be equally kind?

find that their profits will be

you win, Mr. Kruger?"

gate mortality would appear to imply. Even 1,000 a day, for such a center of native massing as Shanghai, would be scarcely more than a tenth of 1 per

Very few Europeans get the cholera, not only the care in avoiding water as a beverage, but cleanliness of person, frequent change of clothing and refraining from exposure in the sun, rendering them comparatively free from it. The bubonic plague, when it is raging, is no more dangerous to Europeans than is the cholera or smallpox. With ordinary precaution every risk of being brought in contact with it may be shunned

All three of these diseases are infec tious, not contagious, and when one has been some time in the east he gets to recognizing a decided difference in

Population Increasing.

The native goes right on having cholera, smallpox and the bubonic plague—whenever it is around, yet with all he is not on the wane but on the gain. There are no outward evidences of a decrease, on the contrary every appearance of a steady increase of the population. population.

Japan's average per square mile duplicated in the Chinese empire as a whole would mean an aggregate population of 1,250,000,000. The Japs, as they live, find sustenance when crowdthey live, and sustenance when crowded in 300 to the square mile. The Chinese, as they live, are in clovet, 400 to the square mile. This average for the empire would be a population of 1,600,000, equal to that at present estimated for the entire earth. What China's increase will in reality

prove when the existing conditions radically change—and recent events make this inevitable-must become one of th interesting demonstrations of the fu-

The per cent of Japan's annual aug mentation has considerably advanced with the adoption of modern methods, not merely as to the strictly sanitary, but in other relations of life and en-vironment. From an increase of less to Kashgar, the second northwest over the caravan route to Kiakhta, and the third straight north to the confluence of the Shelka with the Amoor, the lesser figure would seem the more warranted.

An Expanse of Territory.

The Chinese empire in its entirety is a gigantic thing topographically, extended to Kiakhta, and the frail homes but stretches of old mats, and, not infrequently, mere shreds with the corners staked down. Even the latter precaution is not always taken to keep the home from taking wings, as it were, and flying away on the morning breezes.

Where the Chinese most do congretate they are literally stuffed in. The with a fifted with the affirmative "do," and the vironment. From an increase of less than 1 per cent in 1890; than 1 per cent in 1890. This ratio and saying, and so it would seem with cholera, smallpox and other incidental features of eastern life.

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